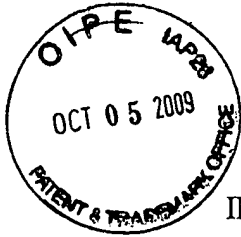


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AMENDMENT PLACING APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2009.

The Examiner has indicated allowable subject matter and Applicants have placed this application in condition for allowance by combining the allowable subject matter of claim 5 into claim 1 and amending claims 6 and 7 to now depend upon amended claim 1, thereby rewriting claim 5 in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, kindly enter the following amendments to the claims.